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SUBJECT: UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (MANILA): DRAFT

RESOLUTION ON "THE DECLARATION OF A DECADE OF THE
CHILD"

1. SET FORTH BELOW AS PARA 3 IS THE TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION URGING THAT "SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE DECLARATION OF A DECADE OF THE CHILD." PREPARED BY THE PHILIPPINES, THE DRAFT RESOLUTION EXPANDS THE CONCEPT ORIGINALLY ENUNCIATED IN PRESIDENT MARCOS STATEMENT FOR A DECADE FOR THE ASIAN CHILD, TO ENCOMPASS A DECADE FOR ALL CHILDREN. WE UNDERSTAND THE PHILIPPINES HAS NOT YET CIRCULATED THE TEXT BEYOND ASIAN MEMBERS IN THE HOPES OF FIRST OBTAINING ASIAN GROUP SUPPORT.

2. WE HAVE HAD CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF AN ASIAN DECADE WITH COLLEAGUES FROM SWEDEN, FRG, JAPAN, UK AND CANADA AND OTHERS ALL OF WHOM WERE NOT PLEASED WITH THE IDEA OF A DECADE BUT NONE EXPRESSED ANY INTENTION OF CONFRONTING THE PHILIPPINES DIRECTLY ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WILL CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS TO DEVISE A STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH THIS PROPOSAL.

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3. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT IN SPITE OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION CONTINUE TO AFFLICT THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF CHILDREN PARTICULARLY THOSE IN DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES.

DISTURBED BY THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, MALNUTRITION, DISEASE, ILLITERACY, AND CROWDED, UNSANITARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WHICH STUNT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF THESE CHILDREN IN GROWING NUMBERS,

AWARE THAT THE CREATION OF LIVING CONDITIONS THAT PERMIT THE CHILD TO DEVELOP HIS FULL HUMAN POTENTIAL IS AN ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPMENT,

DETERMINED THEREFORE TO PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN,

1. URGES THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD IN 1979, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE DECLARATION OF A DECADE OF THE CHILD,

2. RECOMMENDS THAT REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS BE CONVENED AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, WITH A VIEW TO CONSIDERING THE FEASIBILITY AND MODALITIES OF SUCH A DECLARATION, AND TO REINFORCING NATIONAL ACTION AIMED AT ENSURING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN. END TEXT.
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